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From: Miller, Christopher S <christopher.miller@oah.nc.gov>

Sent: Wednesday, November 19, 2025 9:39 PM

To: Thomas, Blake <Blake.Thomas@nc.gov>; Mazza, Denise H <denise.mazza@nc.gov>

Cc: Burgos, Alexander N <alexander.burgos@oah.nc.gov>; Miller, Christopher S <christopher.miller@oah.nc.gov>

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Questions like this are pretty common during the RRC meetings. If this issue is raised at tomorrow's RRC meeting, your explanation may alleviate the Commissioner's concern regarding any ambiguity, and the rule could pass. If instead the rule is objected to by the Commission over any concerns, the rule is returned to the agency and the agency can then make revisions to address RRC's objection. Assuming the revisions would be quick and minor, the rewritten rule could then be raised again at the December 2025 RRC meeting.

I've attached a copy of RRC's rules for your reference. Specifically, 26 NCAC 05 .0107 and .0108 discuss this process.

Let me know if you have any other questions.

Best, Chris

From: Thomas, Blake < Blake. Thomas@nc.gov > Sent: Wednesday, November 19, 2025 4:15 PM

To: Miller, Christopher S <christopher.miller@oah.nc.gov>; Mazza, Denise H <denise.mazza@nc.gov>

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Christopher, thanks very much for the heads-up. I will attend the meeting tomorrow morning and will be prepared to answer any questions about what this means in practice.

We're always happy to adjust the text of a rule to clarify potential ambiguities. What is the process for any resulting changes when a Commissioner raises an issue like this at the meeting? Obviously, there isn't time to work through a clarification before this week's meeting. Do the Commissioners prefer for the rule to be displaced until a later meeting and for the agency, in the time between meetings, to develop alternative text that could meet the Commissioner's question? Or is there another procedure that is used in these circumstances?

Thanks again for your note.

--Blake



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Good afternoon Denise,

Just a heads up – I did receive a preliminary question from a Commissioner regarding rule 25 NCAC 01E .1006. Specifically, in (3), you use the language "must ensure receipt" of compensatory leave. The Commissioner did not understand what this language meant and views it as being potentially ambiguous. So, you may receive some questions on this at Thursday's meeting. Thanks, Chris

Chris Miller

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From: Mazza, Denise H <denise.mazza@nc.gov> Sent: Wednesday, November 12, 2025 8:28 AM

To: Miller, Christopher S < christopher.miller@oah.nc.gov>

Cc: Burgos, Alexander N <alexander.burgos@oah.nc.gov>; Thomas, Blake <Blake.Thomas@nc.gov>

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Thank Chris. Will do.

Denise H. Mazza Paralegal/Contract Specialist

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Thank you, Denise. I am satisfied with the changes and responses.

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Thanks,

Chris

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From: Mazza, Denise H <denise.mazza@nc.gov>

Sent: Friday, November 7, 2025 4:24 PM

To: Miller, Christopher S <christopher.miller@oah.nc.gov>

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Mr. Miller,

Attached is OSHR's response to Requests for Changes in 25 NCAC 01E and the associated rules revised as directed or per OSHR's responses.

Please let us know if you need anything further.

Denise

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1 2	25 NCAC 01E .	006 IS AMENDED <u>WITH CHANGES</u> AS PUBLISHED IN 40:1 NCR 27 AS FOLLOWS:
3	25 NCAC 01E .	006 COMPENSATORY TIME
4	Under the state's	overtime compensation policy certain employees are designated as administrative, executive or
5	professional. Em	ployees in these categories are exempt from the provision for overtime pay. To grant these
6	employees comp	ensating compensatory time is a decision that must be made by the agency head. When
7	compensatory tin	ne is granted to administrative, executive or professional employees, the following shall apply:
8	(1)	Amount. Compensatory time is awarded at a rate not to exceed the individual's straight time
9		equivalent <u>rate</u> . rate ;
10	(2)	Non-cumulative. Compensatory time is not cumulative beyond a 12-month period. For this reason,
11		an employee must be required to take compensatory time as soon as possible after it is <u>credited.</u>
12		credited;
13	<u>(3)</u>	Transferable. Compensatory time, up to 160 hours, may be transferred to another state agency,
14		subject to approval by the receiving agency head. Agencies who agree to receive compensatory
15		time from another state agency must ensure receipt of compensatory leave and administer it Formatted: Not Highlight
16		consistently and equitably, is administered consistently and equitably, Administering the receipt of Formatted: Highlight
17		compensatory leave "consistently and equitably," for purposes of this Rule, means treating Formatted: No underline, Strikethrough, Highlight
18		employees who are in the same situation the same way, regardless of their race, ethnicity, or other Formatted: No underline, Strikethrough
19		non-work-related characteristics. Formatted: Highlight
20	(3) (4)	Non-transferable. Compensatory time is not transferable to any other type of leave leave. or to
21		another agency; and
22	(4) (5)	Separation. Compensatory time is lost when an employee is separated from state service. The
23		employee's separation date shall not be changed in order to pay for compensatory time.
24	History Note:	Authority G.S. 126-4(5) [126:7] Formatted: Strikethrough, Highlight
25		Eff. February 1, 1976;
26		Amended Eff. August 1, 2009-2009; Formatted: No underline, Highlight
27		Pursuant to G.S. 150B-21.3A, rule is necessary without substantive public interest Eff. October 4.
28		2016. 2016;
29		Amended Eff. December 1, 2025.

1	25 NCAC 01E .1801 IS AMENDED <u>WITH CHANGES</u> AS PUBLISHED IN 40:1 NCR 28 AS FOLLOWS:			
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3	25 NCAC 01E .1801 POLICY			
4	(a) Incentive leave may be used as a recruitment tool to assist in the employment of <u>candidates individuals who are</u>			
5	middle or late career applicants employed outside of State government and who are interested in accepting			
6	employment within North Carolina State government. with the State of North Carolina.			
7	(b) An agency may award incentive leave to a middle or late career applicant applicants who is are newly appointed			
8	to a position that the agency has identified as critical to the agency mission and for which the agency has			
9	documented recruitment difficulty attracting qualified applicants, or who is are newly appointed to an executive			
10	management position.			
11	History Note: Authority G.S. 126-4; [126-4(5);]126-4(4) and 4(5);			
12	Eff. January 1 2011:			

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1	25 NCAC 01E .1802 IS AMENDED <u>WITH CHANGES</u> AS PUBLISHED IN 40:1 NCR 30 AS FOLLOWS:				
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3	25 NCAC 01E .1802 DEFINITIONS				
4	As used in this S	As used in this Section:			
5	(1)	Employed Outside of State Government means employed with an organization that is not part of			
6		the State of North Carolina government or not employed with an organization for which the State			
7		currently accepts transferred accrued vacation leave upon hire.			
8	Executive Management Position means a senior management position that reports directly to an Formatted: Not Strikethrough, Highlight		Formatted: Not Strikethrough, Highlight		
9		appointed or elected agency head and is delegated authority to make decisions that impact the		Formatted: Highlight	
10		overall direction of the agency and whose duties typically involve planning, strategy, policy-		Formatted: Not Strikethrough, Highlight	
11	making and line management. Typical job titles include chief executive officer, chief operating				
12		officer, chief financial officer, and deputy secretary. Formatted: Not Strikethrough			
13	(3)	Middle Management Position means a position that reports directly to an executive management			
14		position and supervises lower-level management positions and is delegated authority to make			
15		decisions that impact the overall direction of a department or division of an agency and whose			
16		duties typically involve program planning and coordination, organization structure, determining			
17		goals and standards, determination and interpretation of policy, and fiscal control.			
18	(4)	Middle or Late Career Applicant means an applicant with 10 or more years of directly related			
19		experience in their profession.			
20	(3)[(2)]	(5) Newly Appointed means the initial appointment as an employee of the State of North Carolina,		Formatted: Highlight	
21		or an appointment following a break in service of at least 12 months from a previous appointment			
22		as an employee of the State of North Carolina.			
23	<u>(4)[(3)</u>	(6) Recruitment <u>Difficulty-Difficulties</u> means positions that are highly competitive in the		Formatted: Highlight	
24		labor market due to specialized competencies, licenses, or certifications, or geographic location or			
25		those positions in which there is a high turnover which impacts the agency's efforts to recruit and			
26	provide services. Recruitment typically involves active recruitment efforts utilizing multiple				
27	recruitment resources that require an extended period of recruitment and results in a limited				
28		qualified applicant pool.			
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30	History Note:	Authority G.S. 126-4; <u>126-4(5);</u>			
31		Eff. January 1, 2011;			
32		Pursuant to G.S. 150B-21.3A, rule is necessary without substantive public interest Eff. October 4,			
33		2016. <u>2016;</u>			
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1	25 NCAC 01E .1	804 IS AMENDED <u>WITH CHANGES</u> AS PUBLISHED IN 40:1 NCR 31 AS FOLLOWS:		
3	25 NCAC 01E .1	25 NCAC 01E .1804 ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS		
4	To be eligible for incentive leave, the employee must be newly appointed and have the following:			
5	(1)	All qualification and competency requirements of the position; and		
6	(2)	At least 10 years of experience that is directly related to the position; and		
7	<u>(2)(3)</u>	A full-time or part-time (half-time or more) permanent, probationary probationary or time-limited Formatted: Strikethrough, Highlight		
8		appointment. Formatted: Underline, Highlight		
9	History Note:	Authority G.S. 126-4; 126-4(5);		
10		Eff. January 1, 2011;		
11		Pursuant to G.S. 150B-21.3A, rule is necessary without substantive public interest Eff. October 4,		
12		2016. 2016;		
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1	25 NCAC 01E	.1808 IS AMENDED <u>WITH CHANGES</u> AS PUBLISHED IN 40:1 NCR 32 AS FOLLOWS:		
3	25 NCAC 01E .1808 TRANSFER			
4	If the employee transfers to a State SPA or EPA position, unused Unused incentive leave may be transferred subject			
5	to the receiving agency's approval. If incentive leave is not transferred, it shall not be paid out in a lump sum.			
6	History Note	Authority G.S. 126-4; 126-4(5);		
7		Eff. February 1, 2011;		
8		Pursuant to G.S. 150B-21.3A, rule is necessary without substantive public interest Eff. October 4,		
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2	25 NCAC 01E.	1809 IS AMENDED <u>WITH CHANGES</u> AS PUBLISHED IN 40:1 NCR 32 AS FOLLOWS:		
3	25 NCAC 01E .1809 USE OF LEAVE			
4	Vacation Incentive leave shall be taken only upon authorization of the agency head or designee.			
5	History Note:	Authority G.S. 126-4; <u>126-4(5);</u>		
6		Eff. February 1, 2011;		
7		Pursuant to G.S. 150B-21.3A, rule is necessary without substantive public interest Eff. October 4		
8		2016. 2016;		
9		Amended Eff. December 1, 2025.		

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RULE CITATION: 25 NCAC 01E .1006

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In reviewing this Rule, the staff recommends the following changes be made:

(3), line 15: Is the use of the word "receipt" here correct? Is this supposed to mean, "... must ensure receipt of compensatory leave and administer it consistently and equitably."?

Yes. We have made this change, along with the change resulting from your comment to line 16 below, in the enclosed retyped rule.

(3), line 16: What does "consistently and equitably" mean in this context? As written, the rule is vague.

In response to your comment, we have added in the enclosed retyped rule an additional sentence reading, "Administering the receipt of compensatory leave 'consistently and equitably,' for purposes of this Rule, means treating employees who are in the same situation the same way, regardless of their race, ethnicity, or other non-work-related characteristics."

History Note: Can you be more specific as to your statutory authority? Pointing to all of Chapter 126 is too broad.

Thank you for spotting this issue. This was a typo in the N.C. Register posting. The statutory authority should be G.S. 126-4(5). This is changed in the enclosed retyped rule.

History Note: This is not complete. Please update accordingly. The current version of the codified rule includes all of the following information:

Authority G.S. 126-4; Eff. February 1, 1976; Amended Eff. August 1, 2009; Pursuant to G.S. 150B-21.3A, rule is necessary without substantive public interest Eff. October 4, 2016.

> Christopher S. Miller Commission Counsel Date submitted to agency: October 29, 2025

The history note has been modified in the enclosed retyped rule.
Please retype the rule accordingly and resubmit it to our office at 1711 New Hope Church Road, Raleigh, North Carolina 27609.

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In reviewing this Rule, the staff recommends the following changes be made:

(b), line 9: Change "is" to "are".

This change has been made in the enclosed retyped rule.

History Note: Consider adding 126-4(4) to your statutory authority.

In the enclosed retyped rule, 126-4(4) has been added to the statutory authority.

History Note: Effective date would be December 1, 2025, unless otherwise indicated. Please update.

This change has been made in the enclosed retyped rule.

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In reviewing this Rule, the staff recommends the following changes be made:

Lines 8-12: The term "Executive Management Position" is still used in amended Rule .1801. Are you sure you want to delete this definition?

Thank you for catching this issue. The definition of "Executive Management Position" has been restored in the enclosed retyped rule.

History Note: Effective date would be December 1, 2025, unless otherwise indicated. Please update.

This change has been made in the enclosed retyped rule.

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New (2): Consider adding an oxford comma after "probationary".

This change has been made in the enclosed retyped rule.

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This change has been made in the enclosed retyped rule.

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Good afternoon,

I'm the attorney who reviewed the Rules submitted by the State Human Resources Commission for the November 2025 RRC meeting. The RRC will formally review these Rules at its meeting on Thursday, November 20, 2025, at 10:00 a.m. The meeting will be a hybrid of in-person and WebEx attendance, and an evite should be sent to you as we get close to the meeting. If there are any other representatives from your agency who want to attend virtually, let me know prior to the meeting, and we will get evites out to them as well.

Attached is the Request for Changes Pursuant to G.S. 150B-21.10. Please submit your responses, and the revised Rules, to me via email, no later than 5 p.m. on November 7, 2025.

Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

Thanks,

Chris Miller

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